

Frost Fair.

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All you that are curious downright,
And fond of seeing every sight,
If to the Thames you had repair'd,
You might have seen a famous fair;
Diversions of every kind you'd see,
With parties drinking coffee and tea,
and fanoing too I do declare,
Upon the Thames they call Frost Fair.

It was really curious for to see, Both young and old so full of glee, The drinking booths they enter d in, And call'd away for purl and gin; Some play'd at threadle my needle Nan, The lasses slipt down as they ran. Which made men quite full of glee, The young gisle legs all for to see.

There watermen so neat and trim, With bottles fill'd with Old Tom's gin, And others bawl'd among the throng, Who's for a gluss of Sampson firong; Here's nuts and gingerbretd who buys? Come boys and win my mutton pies, Come ladies they're both hot and nice, Fear net to cat one on the ice.

Boys, men, and women, not a few, Upon the ice they ventur'd too, And swings there were I do' declare, To take a ride up in the air; And booths wherein you might regale, And have a pint of beer or ale, And skitten playing I do declare, Upon the Thames they call Frost Fair,

Now to conclude my fey song, I'm glad to see the frost is gone, And ships and barges all afloat. And watermen rowing of their hoats; Black diamond barges to appear. That coals they may not be so dear, So toss a bamper off with effect,